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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~preventing and/or~~ treating a disease involving β -sheet fibril formation, ~~other than Alzheimer's Disease,~~ in a subject which comprises administering to the subject a ~~binding-inhibiting amount of a compound other than sRAGE,~~ which compound (i) comprises a fragment of sRAGE and (ii) is capable of inhibiting binding of the β sheet fibril to RAGE an amount of a soluble compound which comprises a V-domain of RAGE effective to inhibit binding of the β -sheet fibril to receptor for advanced glycation endproduct, wherein the β -sheet fibril ~~is formed from an amyloid β peptide selected from the group consisting of A β (1-39), A β (1-40), A β (1-42) and A β (1-40) Dutch variant~~ comprises amylin, amyloid A, transthyretin, cystatin C, or gelsolin, so as to thereby ~~prevent and/or treat a~~ the disease involving β -sheet fibril formation ~~other than Alzheimer's Disease~~ in the subject.

43-58. (Canceled)

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, wherein

the subject is a mammal.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 59, wherein the mammal is a human being.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 59, wherein the administration is intralesional, intraperitoneal, intramuscular, intravenous, liposome mediated delivery, topical, nasal, oral, anal, ocular or otic delivery.

62-69. (Canceled)

70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, wherein the β -sheet fibril comprises a peptide capable of forming amyloid.

71. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the soluble compound comprises the V-domain of RAGE linked to an antibody or a portion of an antibody.

72. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the soluble compound comprises the V-domain of RAGE linked to a portion of an antibody.

73. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the portion of the antibody is a F_{ab} fragment.

74. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the portion of the antibody is an F_c fragment.

75. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the β -sheet fibril comprises amylin.
76. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the β -sheet fibril comprises amyloid A.
77. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the β -sheet fibril comprises transthyretin.
78. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the β -sheet fibril comprises cystatin C.
79. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the β -sheet fibril comprises gelsolin.